मैसर्स आर० के० बी० हरबल्स (प्रा०) लिमिटेड के विरुद्ध शिकायत

2842. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ भीम अफजल** : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मैसर्स आर० के० बी० हरबल्स (प्रा०) लिमिटेड, नई दिल्ली ने हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार तथा दूरदर्शन के साथ वित्तीय धोखाधड़ी की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में कितनी शिकायतें प्राप्त हुईं तथा सरकार ने उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी० के० तारादेवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) मैसर्स आर० के० बी० हरबल्स (प्रा०) लिमिटेड के विरुद्ध दो शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं । यह फर्म इस समय औषधों की सप्लाई करने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वाम्य योजना के साथ पंजीकृत नहीं है ।

Adverse effect of pesticides on women and children

2843. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of women and children involved in farm operations are exposed to different class of pesticides resulting in miscarrages and birth defects among women and malformations among chidren; and

(b) if so, what steps Government proposes to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Due to use of pesticides in Agriculture, the occupationar groups like sprayers, farmers and members of farming families are exposed to pesticides. Role of chlorinated pesticides in abortions and premature labour in general population has been reported. Further, a study of monitoring of workers occupationally exposed to pesticides ni grape garden of Andhra Pradesh revealed significant increase in chromatid breaks and gaps in chromosomes of peripheral bolld in workers.

(b) The Government has taken a number of steps to prevent health hazards caused due to pesticides. These are as under:—

(i) The pesticides which are safe to human being, animals and the environment are allowed to be registered for use in the country by the Registration Committee constituted under the Insecticides Act, 1968.

(ii) Each pesticide container is accompanied with a label and leaflet which, *inter-alia* contains the manner of handling, precautions to be taken as well as the biological/toxic nature of the compound which gives an educative information to the farmers. For the uneducated farmers a colour triangle is printed on the lables, red being for extremely toxic and green for slightly tovic.

(iii) Farmers are being trained in safe and udicious use of pesticidse from time to time by extension officers of the Government, different Industry's Association as well as Voluntary Agencies.

(iv) Integrated Pest Management approach is being advocated and adopted which, inter-alia, includes the need-based applicaton of pesticides on the basis of Economic Threshold Levels of pests and diseases. Considerable attention is paid to this concept which encompasses the use of cultural, mechnical and biological measures and only limited use of pesticides wherever necessary.

(v) Reporting of pesticide poisoning by the State Government functionaries under the statute which comes within the cognizance of the officers notified for

the said purpose. This helps the policy makers in the Central Government to take suitable course of action in minimising/abolishing the hazards.

Efficacy of mosquito repellents

2844. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ICMR has conducted a survey to find out efficacy of Mosquito Repellents on Human bodies and Mosquitoes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons that the ingredients being used in Mosquito coil "TORTOISE" are not made public; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d) The Indian Council of Medical Research has conducted a study in which the relative efficacy of Mosquito Repellents was compared. The study was conducted for evaluating the efficacy of commercially available creams, oils and other devices marketed in the country as Mosquito Repellents. In general, the protection, defined as avoidence of the risk of Mosquito bites, was variable ranging from 63 per cent to 100 per cent. Mylol Oil was found marginally superior to Odomos and Tortoise coil was found superior to rooster coil. It was found that Repellents using electric current performed poorly in Repelling Mosquitoes.

Generation of alcohol

2845. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha's findings that it is not possible to generate more than 12 per cent alcohol by natural fermentation of medicinal plants; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to declare all products which contain more than 12 per cent alcohol as liquor as has been done by the Uttar Pradesh Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir. However, more than 12 per cent alcohol is obtainable if naturally fermented product from medicinal plants is distilled partially.

(b) Information is being collected from Excise authorities and will be laid on the Table of the House.

पशुओं के अंगों का व्यापार

2846. **डा. अबरार अहमद :**
कुमारी सईदा खातून :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को यह जानकारी है कि मनुष्य के गुर्दों, आंखों, त्वचा व अन्य अंगों का व्यापार खुले आम चल रहा है ;

(ख) क्या इस संबंध में कोई विधान लाने का प्रस्ताव है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो कब तक ;

(घ) इस समय देश के किन-किन अस्पतालों में गुर्दा प्रत्यारोपण का कार्य प्राधिकृत रूप से किया जा रहा है तथा उसके लिए कितनी फीस ली जाती है ;

(ङ) क्या किसी निजी क्लीनिक अथवा अस्पताल को गुर्दा प्रत्यारोपण अथवा आंख बदलने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार से अनुमति प्राप्त करनी पड़ती है ; और

(च) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?